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SUBJECT: MISSIONARY DEMONSTRATION

REF: SEOUL 2606

MOFA AMERICAN AFFAIRS BUREAU CHIEF YI SANG-OK CALLED IN POL COUNS APRIL 17 TO TRANSMIT LETTER FROM FONMIN KIM TONG-CHO TO AMBASSADOR SAYING THAT IN COMPLIANCE WITH KIM'S ADVICE, MINISTRY OF JUSTICE HAD GIVEN WARNING TO MISSIONARIES "WITHOUT TAKING FORCIBLE ACTION."

2. LETTER GOES ON TO SAY THAT DEMONSTRATION, EVEN THOUGH IT HAD TAKEN PLACE WITHIN EMBASSY COMPOUND, WAS VIOLATION OF MISSIONARIES' DECLARED PURPOSE OF ENTRY AND WERE NOT UNDERTAKEN "IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE RELEVANT LAWS AND REGULATIONS."

3. KIMS'S LETTER CONCLUDES WITH REQUEST THAT EMBASSY "TAKE ALL POSSIBLE MEASURES OF GUIDANCE AND SUPERVISION TO ENSURE THAT ALL US CITIZENS RESIDING AND STAYING IN REPUBLIC OF KOREA, INCLUDING THE ABOVE SEVEN CLERGYMEN DO NOT ENGAGE IN ANY ACTIVITIES AGAINST THEIR PURPOSE OF ENTRY OR ANY ACTIVITIES WHICH VIOLATE THE LAW AND ORDER OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA."

4. COMMENT: WHILE THIS INCIDENT APPEARS TO BE CLOSED, ROKG CAN BE EXPECTED TO REACT WITH INCREASING ANNOYANCE
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AT ANY FUTURE ACTIVITIES BY MISSIONARIES IT CONSIDERS

TO BE POLITICAL IN NATURE.
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